

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1–11 were rejected as unpatentable over Jungreis et al., either alone or combined with other prior art. Claim 12 recites operating the first half bridge independently from the second half bridge. This is not disclosed or suggested by the prior art relied upon. The Jungreis et al. patent discloses in column 2, lines 49–51, that the half bridges are operated 180° out of phase, which is not independent operation. The claimed two half bridges do not operate synchronously, as in the Nagase et al. patent.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1–14 are in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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